

AMENDMENTS TO THE TITLE:

Please replace the present title with the following amended title:

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INCREASING SYSTEM RESOURCE AVAILABILITY
IN DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

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Please amend page 1, lines 4-6 as follows:

The present invention relates generally to database management systems and more specifically to a system and method for increasing system resource availability in database management systems.

Please amend page 3, lines 14 and 15 as follows:

Accordingly, the system and method of the present invention ~~provide~~ provides for improved support for increasing system resource availability in database management systems.

Please delete page 3, line 21 to page 4, line 4.

— According to another aspect of the invention there is provided, for a database server, a computer program product for directing the database server to selectively release database system resources associated with a database system operatively coupled with the database server, the database server accessible by applications, the computer program product including a computer usable medium having computer readable program code means embodied in said medium, the computer readable program code means including computer readable program code means for receiving requests from one or more applications, computer readable program code means for determining whether a specified application is submitting requests using an online protocol, and computer readable program code means for returning defined error condition indicators to the specified application when the application is determined to be using the online protocol and when identified system resources are determined to be scarce, whereby the specified application issues a commit when it is using the online protocol and one of the defined error condition indicators is returned to the application.

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— According to another aspect to the invention there is provided a computer program product for directing an application to access a database server, the database server adapted to selectively release database system resources associated with a database system operatively coupled with the database server, the database server assessable by applications, the computer program producing including a computer usable medium having computer readable program code means embodied in said medium, the computer readable program code including computer readable program code means for submitting requests to the database server, computer readable program code means for indicating that requests are submitted using an online protocol, computer readable program code means for monitoring responses from the database server for defined error condition indicators, when requests have been submitted using the online protocol, and computer readable program code means for issuing a commit statement to the database server when a response from the server is determined to be a defined error condition indicator.